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– The term “patent” covers utility models and SPCs.
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in the series of documents SCIT/ATR/ID.

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CZECH REPUBLIC**I. Evolution of patent activities:**

In comparison with the year 2000 there were following changes as to the patent and utility model activities. In 2001, 4733 patent applications (4938 in 2000) and 1166 utility model applications (1288 in 2000) were filed, 1719 patents were granted (1611 in 2000) and 1162 utility models (1156 in 2000) registered. The total number of filed patent applications decreased by four percent; the number of filed utility model applications decreased approx. by 10 percent as compared to 2000. In 2001 there was a small growth in patent applications filed by domestic applicants. Branches with the highest number of patent applications were organic chemistry and chemistry of polymers, pharmacy, hygiene and biochemistry. A significant growth was in the genetic engineering.

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information:

- 1583 patent documents and 1162 utility models were printed; abstracts were printed on all title pages of patent documents; Official Bulletin is issued monthly (Part A – Inventions, Utility Models, Topographies, Industrial Designs; Part B – Trademarks);
- Abstracts and drawings of patent applications are published in announcements in the Bulletin.
- Printing and photocopying without charges; printing of the Bulletin was prepared by DESK- TOP PUBLISHING.
- Production of the Official Bulletin on CD-ROM continued; the Bulletin was also available in the computer network. Since the beginning of the year 2000 (from vol. 1/2000 it has been published in pdf format on Office's website.
- CD-ROM ESPACE PRECES (Patents from the Region of Eastern and Central European States) continued, including also Czech patent documents; 14 discs were produced (vol. 1 –14/2001).
- CD-ROM PRECES ACCESS (Bibliographic data and abstracts of the patents from the Region of Eastern and Central European States); 1 disc was produced (vol.1/2001).

III. Matters concerning abstracting, classifying, reclassifying and indexing of technical information contained in patent documents:

- Abstracts were printed on title pages of all patent documents and in the Bulletin Part A.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- Office received patent documents from 15 countries and EPO, Patent Bulletins from 53 countries, including EPO and PCT.
- No changes as regards search file for examiners and the public.

V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search systems:

- Searches were carried out in DC STN, DIALOG and QUESTEL.
- Database PFS EPIDOS in Vienna was used.
- Creating the search database of Czech and Czechoslovak granted patent documents, published applications and registered utility models continued; information is made accessible through Internet.
- Office automation management system was used (data since 1986); following databases were operated: Patent applications, industrial design applications, register of inventors, register of applicants and register of organizations corresponding with the Office.
- Following CD-ROM search systems were used: CASSISS (US), ACCESS (EP), PATOS (DE), PAJ, LEGAL, US SEARCH and GLOBALPAT.

VI. Administration of the industrial property office library and services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, for assisting clients on searching procedures, for obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

- No changes in the library.
- Methodical and consultation assistance for the public is given in the reading room and service section.
- Reprographic services were assured in the reading room.
- Search systems on CD-ROM and Internet were used.
- Patent searches for the public were carried out in database centres STN Karlsruhe and Dialog (WPI, CA, Inpadoc)
- Patent documents on CD-ROM from EP, WO, DE, US (also on DVD), GB, AT, BE, LU, NL, CH, DK, FR, JP, RU are available.
- CD-ROM ESPACE-BULLETIN was used.
- Czech patent documents were sent to the public according to off-line thematic profiles defined by the IPC symbols.
- Electronic order forms of patent searches were available through the Internet (by means of e-mail).

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information:

- Exchange of CD-ROM carriers expanded.
- Official Bulletins were sent to 39 countries.
- Patent applications are filed in paper form.

VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of, the use of patent information, including technical assistance to developing countries:

- Various courses and seminars were organized for the Czech public; excursions from enterprises and schools were accepted.
- Cooperation with regional centres of patent information and universities was extended – the Office provided them with various information sources (e.g. CD-ROMs, information brochures).
- The Office presented its information activities at the International Machine Trade Fair in Brno, the Exhibition Inovace 2000 and the INVEX trade fair.
- Office staff members participated in the seminars and conferences organized by the EPO. At the conference EPIDOS-PATINNOVA in Cardiff, representatives of the office presented information services within the stand of the EPO candidate countries.

IX. Other relevant matters.

There are no further relevant matters to report

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